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JAMES CARSON BREVOORT.

BORN IN NEW YORK JULY 10, 1818.
DIED IN BROOKLYN DECEMBER 7, 1887.

Mr. Brevoort had been a Fellow of the American Geographical Society since 1856, a member of the Ruling Council since 1877, and for more than seven years past the Foreign Corresponding Secretary of the Society. His education, begun in this city, was completed in France and Switzerland, and he was graduated, as a civil engineer, from the *École Centrale des Arts et Manufactures*, in Paris. He spent a year in Spain as private secretary to Washington Irving, and afterwards travelled for some time in Europe. In 1843 he returned to America, married not long after, and made his home in Brooklyn, where he served on the Board of Education and as one of the Board of Water Commissioners.

He was for two years Superintendent of the Astor Library, and for ten years President of the Long Island Historical Society. He was also a member of many societies, historical, literary, and scientific, throughout the country, and few men, not in public life, were so widely known as he.

His work was that of a serious and unostentatious student, especially devoted to researches in the early his-

tory and geography of America. Failing health had for some years confined him to the house, but his interest in all great concerns was unabated to the last.

At a meeting of the American Geographical Society, held December 14, 1887, the following resolutions, offered by Elial F. Hall, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in the decease of James Carson Brevoort this Society mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished and useful members and officers. His valuable contributions to the solution of important problems of geography and history, his familiarity with the progress of exploration and discovery, his attainments as a scholar, his enthusiasm as a student, his diligence and industry as a worker in the field of science, and his trustworthiness as an adviser and counsellor in matters in which we are specially interested, as well as his other qualities of mind and heart which endeared him to a large circle of friends, will ever be treasured in affectionate remembrance by his associates in this Society.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family of the deceased, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them by the Secretary.
